



Florida Beatrice Garrett

January 26, 1939 - August 25, 2017

Florida Beatrice Garrett was born January 26, 1939. She was the tenth of thirteen children born to the union of Dave and Willie Mae Withers in Red Banks, Mississippi.

Florida received her elementary education and the Marshal County Public School System and attended Rosenwald High School. After finishing high school, Florida relocated to Chicago, Illinois seeking employment opportunities. It was at that time she reconnected with her life partner Calvin W. Garrett and they united in marriage in 1961. To this union two children were born, son Michael and daughter Michele.

Having been raised in a God-fearing home, Florida knew Christ as her savior and was a member of the Grace Conservative Baptist Church. Florida and CW worked hard to raise their children and provide a comfortable home for their family.

Florida gained employment with Science Research Association (SRA). Following her passion for cooking, she later became known as the "Lunchroom Lady with good butter cookies" at several Chicago Public Schools where she retired. She also possessed an entrepreneurial spirit selling Avon, Tupperware and jewelry. After retirement, she continued her passion for baking at Jewel Food Store on 75th and Stony Island until her husband's

health declined.

During her season of illness, Florida was affectionately known to her daughter as her "78-year-old daughter". She has always been addressed by her family as "FlaDee" or "Aunt FlorDEE" by her nieces and nephews.

Florida departed this life on Friday, August 25, 2017. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dave and Willie Mae Withers; two brothers, William and Rev. Jody Withers; four sisters, Leola Parker, Amanda Hazelwood, Daisy Hall and Nora Tunstall; and her only grandchild, who was the joy of her life, Anthony C. Garrett in April 2005.

Cherishing very fond memories of Florida's life, her children, Michael and Michele; her sisters, Hattie Mims, Lessye Hannah, Pauline Withers, Earlene Fuller (James) and Henrietta Cobb; brother, John Withers; sister-in-law, Wilmoth Simpson; brothers-in-law, Lloyd Garrett (Doris) and Willie Garrett; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

True Light Church Baptist
7300 South Maryland Avenue
Chicago, IL

Service

SEP 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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